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SUBJ: LOS: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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1. WE SPOKE TO DUDGEON, DEPUTY LEADER OF UK DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE ABOUT SCHEDULE OF LOS MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN AUGUST AND IT WOULD APPEAR THERE ARE SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING THAT SCHEDULE. DUDGEON SAID UK HAD QUERIED OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE AS TO WHAT HAD BEEN DECIDED AT TOKYO RE AUGUST SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND FOUND NO AGREEMENT. HE SAID FRENCH HOLD SAME VIEW AS UK THAT GROUP OF FIVE MEETING BEFORE GROUP OF 17 AND EVENSEN GROUP MEETINGS UNNECESSARY AND WOULD PREFER TO AVOID SUCH A MEETING. SOVIETS SHARE
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US VIEW THAT TOKYO MEETING ACCEPTED, IN PRINCIPLE AT

LEAST, THAT GROUP OF FIVE SHOULD MEET BEFORE OTHER GROUPS MEET IN GENEVA. DESPITE THIS AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, DUDGEON SAID SOVIETS HAVE TOLD BRITISH THEY WOULD LIKE TO AVOID AUGUST GROUP OF FIVE MEETING. JAPANESE REPORTEDLY HAVE TOLD BRITISH THEY WILL GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER OTHERS DECIDE UPON.

2. DUDGEON SAID IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR BRITISH TO FIELD AN ADEQUATE TEAM FOR GROUP OF FIVE MEETING AUGUST 19 AND 20 AS WE HAVE PROPOSED. EARLIEST UK TEAM COULD BE AVAILABLE GENEVA WOULD BE MORNING OF AUGUST 21 AND THIS WOULD MEAN COMMENCEMENT OF GROUP OF 17 MEETING WOULD HAVE TO SLIP TO AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 21. BRITISH DO NOT BELIEVE THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE COMPRESSED SCHEDULE WOULD REDUCE EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH GROUP OF 17 AND GROUP OF FIVE.

3. DUDGEON SAID IF US PERSISTS IN VIEW THAT GROUP OF FIVE SHOULD MEET BEFORE EVENSEN GROUP AND IF RESULTS OF GROUP OF 17 WOULD TEND TO BEAR THIS OUT, SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE HELD OVER WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23/24. BRITISH APPARENTLY MENTIONED THIS AS A POSSIBILITY TO SOVIETS AND DUDGEON THINKS THIS SUGGESTION MAY HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD BY SOVIETS AS BRITISH PROPOSAL TO MEET THOSE DATES (PARA 2 MOSCOW 10148).

4. DUDGEON CONFIRMED BRITISH WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSULT WITH LEITZELL IN LONDON ABOUT GROUP OF 17 MEETING. HE ALSO SAID HE IS SENDING OUT A CABLE TO CAPITALS OF GROUP OF 17 PROVIDING DETAILS FOR MEETING AUGUST 21/22.

5. COMMENT. WE FOUND DUDGEON SURPRISINGLY EMPHATIC ABOUT UK INABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TEAM FOR GROUP OF FIVE MEETING AND DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT BRITISH CAN BE PERSUADED TO RECONSIDER. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EITHER OF ALTERNATIVE DATES FOR GROUP OF FIVE MEETING, I.E. AUGUST 21 OR AUGUST 23/24, IS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. RICHARDSON

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